

Indiana Wind Working Group Meeting #7 10-26-2007
Education Committee Notes

Attendees

Greg Beumer, Steve Roy, Ryan Brown, Paul Cummings, Harry Phillips, Bill Brown, Heath Norrick, Jeff Gunsher, Doug Ahlfeld, and Zach Robinson

The focus of this meeting was exclusively the planning of the 2008 Indiana Wind Conference. We are expecting 200 – 300 people

Summary details of the conference tentatively are:

1 ½ days, April 24-25, 2008 at a downtown Indianapolis hotel.

Day 1 - single track focused on general education.

- evening social networking event.

Day 2 - two tracks; one for wind component manufacturing and the other for small scale wind.

- optional Benton County trip

Tentative outline of the conference

April 24th

Morning

Keynote Opening Speaker (possibly high ranking government official)

NREL – Larry Flowers

Benton County wind project panel

Lunch (possible lunch time keynote)

Afternoon

Utility Panel – IOUs, Municipals, and Rural Electrics perspectives

Economic Development Panel – LEDOs, Farm Bureau, IEDC, and IMA

Evening

Networking Event at hotel

April 25th

Morning

Wind component manufacturing track

Turbine Manufacturers Panel (GE, Clipper, Gamesa, etc)

Center for Advanced Manufacturing (CAM) from Purdue

Indiana Manufacturers Association (IMA)

Small wind track

National expert overview of small wind power (NREL?)

Small wind project “start to finish” panel

Alternative Power and Energy grant (APE) case studies. (Indiana Office of Energy grants)

Afternoon

Benton County wind farm field trip

Other Notes:

- The possibility of having a vendor area was discussed. No conclusion has been made.
- Jeff Gunsher of Purdue offered to help with online registrations through the VPR office at Purdue
- The targeted audience of the event was discussed and includes, but is not limited to:
Engineers, architects, manufacturers, rural economic development organizations, government officials, landowners, educators, environmental organizations, utilities, contractors and wind developers